

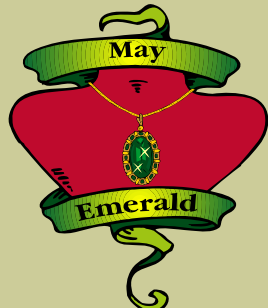
May 2007







Flower Month

Invasive Species: Deadly beauty

Non-native plants, animals and micro-organisms are the second biggest threat to global biodiversity, following the loss of habitat. In order to help stop their spread, make sure that the plants that are growing in your yard or garden are native to your region, and replace those that are not with native plants. Ask your nursery for advice, or consult with various Web sites such as [nature.org's](http://nature.org) [invasive species](http://nature.org) section, USDA's [Natural Resources Conservation Service](http://naturalresources.conservationservice.usda.gov) site or invasive.org for more information.

(Source: The Nature Conservancy)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
	Flower: Lily of the Valley		Plant Give-a-Way USDA	Plant Give-a-Way USDA		Cinco De Mayo
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
	National Teacher Day			Military Spouses Day		Kite Day
	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
Mother's Day			Love-a- Tree Day	Safety Awareness Day		Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
						
	Memorial Day					
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June 2007

Dairy Month

Lawn and Garden







Summer's here... which means it's time to break out the Lawnmower and help your garden grow. Below are some easy-to-use tips to help keep your summer projects environmentally friendly.

Lawn Care and Pesticides:

Apart from the serious health threats to both humans and wildlife posed by the direct ingestion of pesticides, they can also cause allergic reactions. Natural regimes like pH balance, aeration and natural fertilizers can often be combined to provide a healthy lawn, without resorting to harsh chemicals. To learn more visit the EPA's [Lawn and Garden](#) site.

Source: [National Resource Defense Council](#)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
	Flower: Rose					
3	4		5	6	7	8
		World Environment Day				9
10	11	12	13		14	15
				Flag Day		16
	17	18	19	20		21
						22
	Father's Day				First Day of Summer	23
24		25	26	27	28	29
	EMS Team Meeting					30

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July 2007

National Hot Dog Month

July Fourth weekend is a time to get together with friends and family, fire up the barbecue and enjoy the outdoors. Below are some simple ways to plan a gathering that ensures your party is a big hit with your guests, not on the environment.

Cutting down on clutter:
Reusable plates, cups and cutlery can greatly decrease the amount of solid waste generated by a Fourth of July celebration. If this option is impractical, use recycled paper plates and biodegradable cutlery to ensure that the remains of your party don't stick around long after its over. For more information visit: bpiworld.org



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Flower: Larkspur	1	2	 Independence Day	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 Hammock Day	 EMS Team Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31				

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August 2007

Water Quality Month

Water Conservation

The dog days of summer are upon us! This time of year creates great pressure on our freshwater resources. And with almost half of our nation's rivers and streams threatened or impaired, freshwater is increasingly in short supply. Below are some simple ways you can help.

In the Shower

Low-flow shower heads reduce water flow from five gallons per minute down to about two gallons per minute. This small change can save over 5,400 gallons of water a year!

In the Yard

Water your lawn or garden in the morning, when water evaporates less quickly

In the Kitchen

Since a dishwasher uses the same amount of water regardless, make sure it is loaded fully before running. When in the market for new appliances, consider water and energy saving models.

(Source: *Earth 911*)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
	Flower: Poppy					
					National Watermelon Day	Coast Guard Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						
	<u>EMS Team Meeting</u>					
	26	27	28	29	30	31

Woman's Equality Day

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September 2007

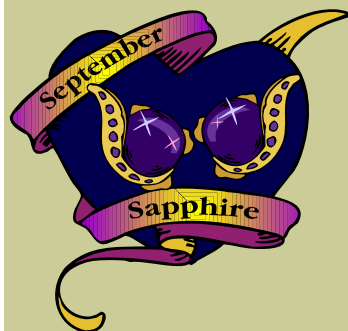
Baby Safety Month

The Facts on Hybrids

Gas Prices continue to climb. We are continually increasing our understanding of the link between pollution and climate change. The EPA estimates that transportation produces 27% of the country's emissions of greenhouse gases. With every day that passes, hybrid cars are looking like a savvy investment for a host of different reasons. But what is a hybrid car and what benefits do they really provide? Check out these helpful web sites if you are considering going hybrid.

www.hybridcenter.org
www.hybrid-car.org
www.Ineed2know.org
www.Fueleconomy.gov

(Source: The Nature Conservancy)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
	Flower: Aster					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Labor Day					International Literacy Day
	9	10	11	12	13	14
National Grandparents Day			Rosh Hashanah			15
	16	17	18	19	20	21
						22
			National Pollution Prevention Week			
			<u>EMS Team Meeting</u>		POW/MIA Recognition Day	
	23/30	24	25	26	27	28
First Day of Autumn						29
					Native American Day	

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October 2007

Lupus Awareness Month

Demystifying What's Green EnergyStar, and Organics

For almost anything you buy today, there are options that decrease the impact made on our natural environment. But different standards govern different technologies, and the benefits aren't always spelled out. Below is a list of three of the most common efficiency and sustainability standards, with links to more information.








Energy Star®

This program sets energy efficiency thresholds for everything from light-bulbs to houses. Visit energystar.gov

Organic

Organic crops are defined as being produced without the use of conventional pesticides, fertilizers with synthetic ingredients, sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. Visit usda.gov



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
 Flower: Marigold						
7 	8  Fire Prevention Day	9	10	11 	12	13
	Columbus Day				Farmer's Day	
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<u>EMS Team Meeting</u>	Bosses Day				
21	22	23	24	25	26 	27
					Navy Day	
 28	29 	30	31			
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Halloween					

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November 2007

Good Nutrition Month

A Green Thanksgiving

Americans generate an additional 5 million tons of trash during the holiday Season 4 million tons of which is made up of shopping bags and wrapping paper. Additionally, The USDA estimates that 96 billion pounds of food are discarded nationally every year. Below are some simple ways to start making a difference.

Homework

When preparing for houseguests, there are many non-toxic, natural alternatives to harsh chemical cleaning products. Natural cleaning products can be found at es.epa.gov, ucsusa.org and simpleliving.net. (Source: EPA)

Cutting Waste

Using "the good china," silverware and cloth napkins for Thanksgiving dinner can help ensure an environmentally-friendly holiday, as disposable dinner items, add unnecessarily to the waste generated during this time. Also, take the opportunity to begin composting this fall for your spring garden.

(Source: The Nature Conservancy)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
 Flower: Chrysanthemum	4	5 	6	7	8 	9
		Election Day			Veteran's Day Observed	10
	11	12 	13	14 	15	16
Veteran's Day		EMS Team Meeting		America Recycles Day		17
	18	19	20	21 	22	23
				Thanksgiving		24
	25	26	27	28	29	30

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December 2007

Safe Toy and Gift Month

Shopping for the Holidays

The easiest way to cut down on unnecessary waste during the holiday season is shopping with reusable cloth bags as Americans alone throw away roughly 100 billion plastic bags a year! At the very least both paper and plastic grocery bags should be recycled, and most grocery stores will collect plastic bags for this purpose.

Source: Worldwatch Institute

Eat Healthy

There is growing scientific evidence that sustainably-raised meats and produce are actually better for your health. Locally-produced goods also tend to use less energy to create and bring to market. A growing number of people also feel that local meats and produce just taste better. Visit eatwellguide.org to search for stores featuring local produce, meats and poultry (including turkeys!) near you.

Source: Sustainable Table



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
	 Flower: Narcissus					
2	3 	4	5	6	7	8
		Hanukkah				
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<u>EMS Team Meeting</u>					
16	17	18	19	20	21 	22
					First Day of Winter	
23	24 	25 	26	27	28	29
		Christmas	Kwanzaa Begins			
30 	31					
	New Year's Eve					

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